



San Diego Woodturners

Proud Founders of the Turn-Around-for-Vets (TAV) Program



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This month at SDWT: @ Nottingham

SDWT Annual **Holiday/Christmas** Party



16 December, 2023, (10 AM – 1PM)

Come join the festivity at Nottingham for this Annual event to highlight our 2023 turning year with some great food and drink, camaraderie with fellow turners, and share in a gift exchange that highlights the event. Spouses and/or significant other most welcome. (See Details on Page 4)

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Dave John

SHAVINGS

from the Prez . . .

Let me start out by saying **Happy Holidays!** Christmas is almost upon us and you're pursuing that last minute turning gift with that special wood you have been saving. A bowl, a box, an ornament, a snowman, a pen, or how about a pepper mill. Our recent demonstration at our last meeting with Dwight Kraich on turning pepper mills was great and hopefully gave you some inspiration to give it a try and turn a peppermill. A Thank You to Dwight for a great demonstration. If you missed his demonstration, you can go to our members only link on our SDWT web site and go to the recorded demonstrations tab to see his presentation. You will also find with the recording the handouts and peppermill template used during his demonstration and you can print out.

At our last general meeting in November we voted on the return of two current board members, Jon Chernow and Roy Ulrich for a second (3 Yr) term. A welcome continuance of these two gents to serve and continued contributions made to SDWT as board members. In addition, a new member was voted-in to be a member of the board, Annette StHilaire and we look forward to her presence on the board as well. Completing their second terms as board members are Dave John, Jeff Neff and Terry Sullivan. We thank them for their contributions as board members and look forward to their continued involvement with the club. In addition to our vote, we also presented a special turned bowl to Geri Gabriel in recognition of her contribution as our club treasurer for over seven years. Thank You Geri for your time and effort to keep us on track with our finances. Norm Burkheart has assumed those duties as our new treasurer and is fully engaged. Lastly we had a change in Chairmanship with TAV. Paul Simpson turned over the duties as Chairman of TAV to Ernesto Aquino. Paul will continue to work with Ernesto on special events and such. Thank You Paul for your service as TAV chair for over 4 years.

Looking back at our year with SDWT; we have grown slightly in membership to now approximately 220 (+/-) and we have had quite the year with a variety of demonstrations to hopefully offer you some inspiration to try and enhance your skill as a woodturner. We also made our SDWT presence known with the public at the annual Fair, and our participation at the Vista Strawberry Festival along with other smaller venues to spread the word about San Diego Woodturners.

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SHAVINGS Cont...

from the Prez . . .

Speaking of the Fair...for 2024, Steve Frick has been busy behind the scenes to get us started for the 2024 Fair and turning Tops. Steve will have more on that in January to get us started.

2024 SDWT Membership renewal is underway and many of you have renewed on-line which is preferred way to go. Go to our Members Only page of our website and go to the renew membership tab. You can also pay by mail and forward to our new address or pay at our next meeting. With the demonstrations and activities our club puts on it's a pretty good investment to facilitate your craft skills in woodturning. Renew today.

Demonstrations: Sally is already putting together 2024 demonstration schedule and she will have more on that come January. However, as mentioned at our last meeting she is also looking for club members who might desire to do a demonstration and share their knowledge and experience. Or one might collaborate with another member to do a demonstration. Quite an opportunity to share and pass along your experiences that we all may learn. Give this some consideration and if interested let Sally know.

Lastly, I was checking out a feature on my computer that allows you to ask a question and obtain a response back. Artificial Intelligence inquiry.. I asked; "Write me a poem about a Woodturners Christmas." Here is what I recieved back:

"The woodturner's shop is all aglow, With shavings and sawdust in the snow. The lathe is spinning, the tools are sharp, As the woodturner works with all his heart.

He turns a bowl, he turns a vase, He turns a toy for a child's embrace. He turns a pen, he turns a top, He turns a candlestick and he keeps on turning.

The woodturner's hands are rough and worn, But his heart is light on this Christmas morn. He's grateful for the wood, the tools, the light, And for the joy of turning, day and night.

So let us raise a glass to the woodturner's art, And to the beauty he brings to every heart. May his shavings be plenty, his tools be true, And may his Christmas be merry, through and through."

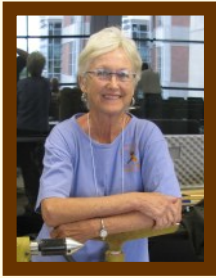
Merry Christmas to all and **Happy New Year.** See you all at our Holiday/Christmas party (see page 4 for details).

Dave John

"Making Better Turners Together"



SDWT Demonstration/Event Schedule for 2022



I hope you are all staying well. We are blessed to have such a wonderful pas-time to keep us busy.

Our program schedule will continue to provide a variety of demonstrations to enhance your skills and maybe offer something you haven't tried before..

On the Horizon - **Jan 20th: Karen Freitas**

Sally

Annual Holiday/Christmas Party at SDWT

The Annual SDWT Holiday/Christmas Party will be held on **16 December**. It is going to be a Great time with Food, Fun, Camaraderie, and a Wood turned item gift exchange as a highlighted event of the festivity.

Time: 10 AM to 1 PM

When: 16 December, 2022

Where: Nottingham Arts Cntr, San Marcos

What to bring:

- 1) As this is a **Potluck Lunch affair**, bring something yummy for **10** (Entrée or Dessert). (Paper plates&cups/Knives/forks/Napkins provided) Water/Coffee also
- 2) For those desiring to participate in the **Wood turned item gift exchange**, bring a wrapped or bagged wood turned item or something related to woodturning.

Other Info: Spouses ad/or significant other are Welcome to attend.

HO, HO, HO



“Drop-In Saturday”



Come join your Drop-In Mentors to help with your turning question(s). Mentor's **Pete Campbell, Steve Frick, Chad LaVoi, and Carolyn Jones**)).

The idea behind “Drop in Sessions” is to set up a shop environment of collaboration and a place to receive assistance in answering your turning questions or help with a technique.

[Bring your own tools and project material along with your PPE.](#)

Our days are typically on a select **Saturday of the Month. 8:30 am to 12:00 pm**

San Marcos, Nottingham Arts Center.

(“Drop-In resumes December 9th, 2023)

Participants must be members of San Diego Woodturners Club (SDWT) in good standing. Members under the age of 18 years may participate with parental permission and a parent or guardian must be present.

Safety is ALWAYS a Priority!

Turn Around for Veterans (TAV)



Turn Around for Vets (TAV) is a critical program of the San Diego Woodturners Club. All TAV activities are carried out by a dedicated, unpaid group of volunteers so that 100% of donated funds, designated for TAV, are used to purchase supplies and equipment and to support the program.



Ernesto Aquino

In June 2012, I became a Recovery Service Member (RSM) with WWBn, and TAV welcomed me into its fold. Captivated by the program and positive impact on RSMs, I maintained my involvement even after retiring from the Corps in September 2015. Previously, I served as the administrator under Major General Thomas G. Lightner, who held the position of Chairman before Paul. Today, I find myself completing a full circle in my TAV journey—from beneficiary to volunteer and mentor, and now as Chairman. I am both excited and delighted to lead the program, with a commitment to its continuous improvement. I want to extend my deepest thanks to all the volunteers that make it happen every week. Without you, TAV will not be possible!! I look forward to the prospect of working together to enhance the TAV program.

Empowering Graduates: Since taking over as Chairman, it has been a joy to witness the positive impact of our efforts. I am thrilled to announce that we have provided three graduates with lathes, empowering them to pursue their passion for craftsmanship. Currently, we are exploring the possibility of extending this support to a fourth individual, further enhancing their skills and opportunities.

Generous Grants: Our program has been fortunate to receive two remarkable grants. The Armed Forces YMCA has generously supported us, enabling the fulfillment of our mission. Additionally, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Linda Shohet, a friend of Sally for her substantial contribution.

Expressing Gratitude: In a gesture of appreciation, we have provided 50 beautifully engraved pens to the Armed Services YMCA. These pens serve as tokens of our gratitude for their invaluable support, helping us make a meaningful impact on the lives of our program participants. Furthermore, we will be expressing our appreciation to Linda Shohet by providing turned items from one of our talented members. This act not only showcases our gratitude but also highlights the craftsmanship cultivated within our TAV community.

Looking Ahead: As we celebrate our recent achievements, we remain committed to the continuous improvement of the TAV program. We are actively exploring new avenues to expand our impact and create lasting opportunities for our participants.

Get Involved: Your support is instrumental in the success of the TAV program. If you are interested in contributing your skills, resources, or time, please reach out. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of our graduates.

Upcoming Events: Stay tuned for exciting events and initiatives on the horizon. We are dedicated to keeping you informed about the progress and growth of the TAV program.

Membership

Hello San Diego Woodturners

Total membership count for the beginning of the month of December 2023 is 220.

Annual membership renewal period for 2024 is underway thru about Mid to end of February 2024. Some of you have already renewed - Thank You. For the remainder, the easiest is to renew on-line. You can do this by going to the Members Only Tab of our website and go to the "Annual renewal Tab" or by check or at our next meeting.

Checks for renewal of membership (made out to SDWT (note annual Dues \$50) and mail to our new address at **SDWT, 1441 Main St. #184, Ramona, CA 92065.**

If you're already a member of AAW Great! If not, consider joining AAW, if you think our resources are great, you will no doubt benefit from their pool of knowledge. Check them out at www.woodturner.org

Remember that as a paid member, you have access to the [SDWT Members facebook group](#) I hope you decide to join the group, it's a very simple way of interacting with other members of the club.

If you have any questions or you think you might be missing club emails. Let us know either in [SDWT Members](#) or info@sdwt.org

Happy Holidays to you and your family!!

Thank you,

Motoko Smith (Membership Chair)

Questions: Contact at Membership@sdwt.org





Membership Form

SDWT membership is \$50.00 per calendar year. To become a member, complete this form and send a check to SDWT. Send to the address below or bring it to any SDWT meeting, go to (www.sdwt.org) for our meeting time and location. If you have any questions, please contact us at (info@sdwt.org)

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Our membership allows our club to hold monthly meetings, enjoy refreshments, watch expert demonstrations and participate in classes. As a member, you will have access to woodturning supplies, video library, wood resources and mentorship.

Check out our website at www.sdwt.org

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From the SDWT WEBMASTER

If you are short of time or looking for specific information, be sure to check out the "Timestamps" in the description area of all Zoom meeting videos. They allow you to quickly click and jump to the specific topics.: Plate

You will find all of this on the password required "[Members Only](#)" page under "Zoom Recordings" Latest Recordings as follows:

Dwight Kraich: Peppermills

Brian Saunders/Dave John: Customized Pens

Rebeca DeGroot (Paid Demo-Access Code Required)

Larry Szafraniec: Snowman and Other Ornaments

Janice Levi: Ornaments & Pyrography (Paid Demo-Access Code Required)

Sally Ault: Baby Rattle's

Tom Edwards: Finishing for Woodturners

Paul Russell (Paid Demo-Access Code Required)

Carolyn Jones and Nahshon Stark (Bowl Turning/Laser Embellishment)

Jeff Neff: Emerging Bowl(s)

Joe Fleming: Turning a Name Badge Holder

Stuart Batty

Karen Freitas: Turning Trees

Don Owen: Plates





As members of the San Diego Woodturners, you may come across an opportunity for us to add to our wood inventory and made available to our membership at nominal cost.

If you hear of anyone needing to move wood off their property please give me a call **Chad LaVoi** (see members only tab (membership directory for contact info or send an email to GotWood@sdwt.org) .



A Big Thank You!! to all those volunteers that assisted me with Wood Resources over this past year. Your help was most appreciated. Wishing you and your families a very **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year**.

Chad



More
Wood Stacking

November Instant Gallery Items Displayed



Turning Diagram and dimensions for the wig stands (L) in Tips & Techniques of our Members Only page of our Website.



Name: ERICASTO
 Item: CUPBOULDER from Bowl
 Wood: ALABAMA Black Pine
 Finish: Spray Lacquer



Name: LARRY ZAFRANOS
 Item: SNOWMAN
 Wood: NOBIL FIR
 Finish:



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Raffle



Thank You to all the members who participate in the monthly raffle.

The raffle program is **self-supporting** with your support and ALL of the proceeds from the raffle are reinvested in future raffles and never used for any other purpose.

If you would like to see some particular item(s) included in the raffle program, let me know and I will see if I can work them in.

Be safe. **Happy Holidays!!**

Jeff - Raffle Committee Chair.



From the DVD & Book Library

Hi All

Check out the listing on the SDWT web page of our vast DVD and Book library on various woodturning topics, techniques, and artistry. DVDs and Books will be available at our January meeting for checkout and return.

Until then,

Carolyn Be Safe.



Mentoring Program

Our mentoring program is one of the unique benefits of our club. Our mentors can help with basic to complex turning and teach safety along the way. This is a great way to start out or hone your skills with complex tasks taught by turners skilled in specific areas of turning. Our mentors are volunteers and are dedicated to sharing information on all facets of woodturning.

Rest assured however, that all of our mentors are easy to work with. Most often the mentor opens his/her shop to the applicant at a mutually agreed upon time and schedule.

A list of mentors and their specialties are listed within our Mentor Tab of our SDWT.org website (**go to About tab and pull down menu, go then to Mentors**). Phone numbers for the Mentor you have particular area of interest is listed in the (members only area of the web site).. Upon making contact, arrange a time and place. If you have any questions, email me at the below address..



Jeff Neff – Mentor Committee Chairman (MentorChairman@sdwt.org)

“Mentors do not give you a shortcut, but they streamline the process. They invariably had their own great mentors, giving them a richer and deeper knowledge of their field. Their ensuing years of experience taught them invaluable lessons and strategies for learning. Their knowledge and experience becomes yours; they can direct you from unnecessary side paths or errors. They observe you at work and provide real-time feedback, making your practice more time efficient. Their advice is tailored to your circumstances and your needs. Working closely with them, you absorb the essence of their creative spirit, which you can now adapt in your own way.” From the Book - *Mastery* by Robert Greene



Resources

Tropical Exotic Hardwoods

2270 Camino Vida Roble site "B"
Carlsbad, CA 92008 (760-434-3030)

North County Tools

955-A Rancheros Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069 (760-743-2004)

Enviro-Safety Products (No discount)

516 E. Modoc Ave.
Visalia, CA 93292—7630
(800) 637-6606

Rockler

8199 Claremont Mesa Blvd
San Diego, CA 92111 (858 268-1005)

The Hardwood & Hardware Co

8849 Complex Dr
San Diego, CA 92126
(858 - 536-1800)

Woodworker West

PO Box 452058
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 216 - 9265

Tool Depot

3464 Pickett St
San Diego, CA (619) 220 - 7111
1655 Broadway #13
Chula Vista, CA (619) 585-800

SD Urban Timber

922 Industrial Blvd
Chula Vista, CA 91911
619-20 7-4084 (sdurbantimber.com)

American Furniture Design

Ben Matte Tung Oil can be purchased here

2243 Mountain View Dr.
Escondido, CA
(760) 743-6923

Bennett Crone Lumber and Plywood, Inc.

1202 Piper Ranch Rd
San Diego, CA 92154
619-661-0667
(Bennetcrone.com)



Pete Campbell is still collecting Weed Pots (WP). As shown in the picture left, our recent groupment of WP going to Lumbercycle (501 (3) ©). Tom Hamilton has been very appreciative of our continued support and he extends a big **Thank You** to all that have contributed.

Keep those WP's coming.

AAW Virtual Demonstration's

AAW posts on their website for members (www.woodturner.org) via the "Watch Live Demonstrations Online: via **AAW's remote demonstration (IRD's) event calendar Tab**: Here's a listing for quick reference of the forthcoming Line-up: (Fee typically required and sign-up required):

AAW Remote Demonstrations: (Registration Required)

Continue to check the AAW site "Virtual Remote Events Tab" for updates on, IRD's

Other sites to check-out:

- **New IRD's: Mr. Rick Urban, a woodturner in northwest Georgia is offering IRD demo's. Check out his website at (rickurbanwoodturner.com).**

- CindyDrozda.com for demonstrations on a variety of topics (Great Demos!!).

- CRAFTSUPPLYUSA.com continues the beginning woodturning series by Kirk Deheer. Go to YOUTUBE craftsupplyusa. Tap on the "woodturning 101 video series". Other demo's to see as well on the site Most recent video "Turning a Utility Box."



**Not a Member? Consider Joining AAW
(woodturner.org). You will be glad you did!**



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Good Stuff!!

All club members will receive show discounting pricing on all products and an extra 5% on airbrush starter kits.



The San Diego Rockler Store,

is offering the San Diego Woodturners this exclusive discount coupon in addition to your discount as an SDWT guild member.

Valid only at the San Diego location on Claremont Mesa Blvd, this coupon gives each SDWT member an additional 10% off one item (with exclusions as noted).

The coupon (shown below) is valid for one use only per members HOUSEHOLD and the member must show their current SDWT membership card.

**** Take Another 10% OFF ****

ONE ITEM

SAN DIEGO WOODTURNER Member



Coupon Required for Discount, No Exceptions

EXPIRES 12/17/2023

Coupon may be used ONCE! Does not apply to previous purchases. Power tools excluded. Sale items excluded. Discounts may not be combined. Discount Restricted Items Excluded. Sale prices can not be adjusted to use coupon .(Showing current year SDWT Membership Card required). When in doubt, ask inquire with the Manager).

*******Coupon WILL NOT be Honored past the Expiration date*******

*******ONE COUPON PER MEMBER HOUSEHOLD ONLY*******

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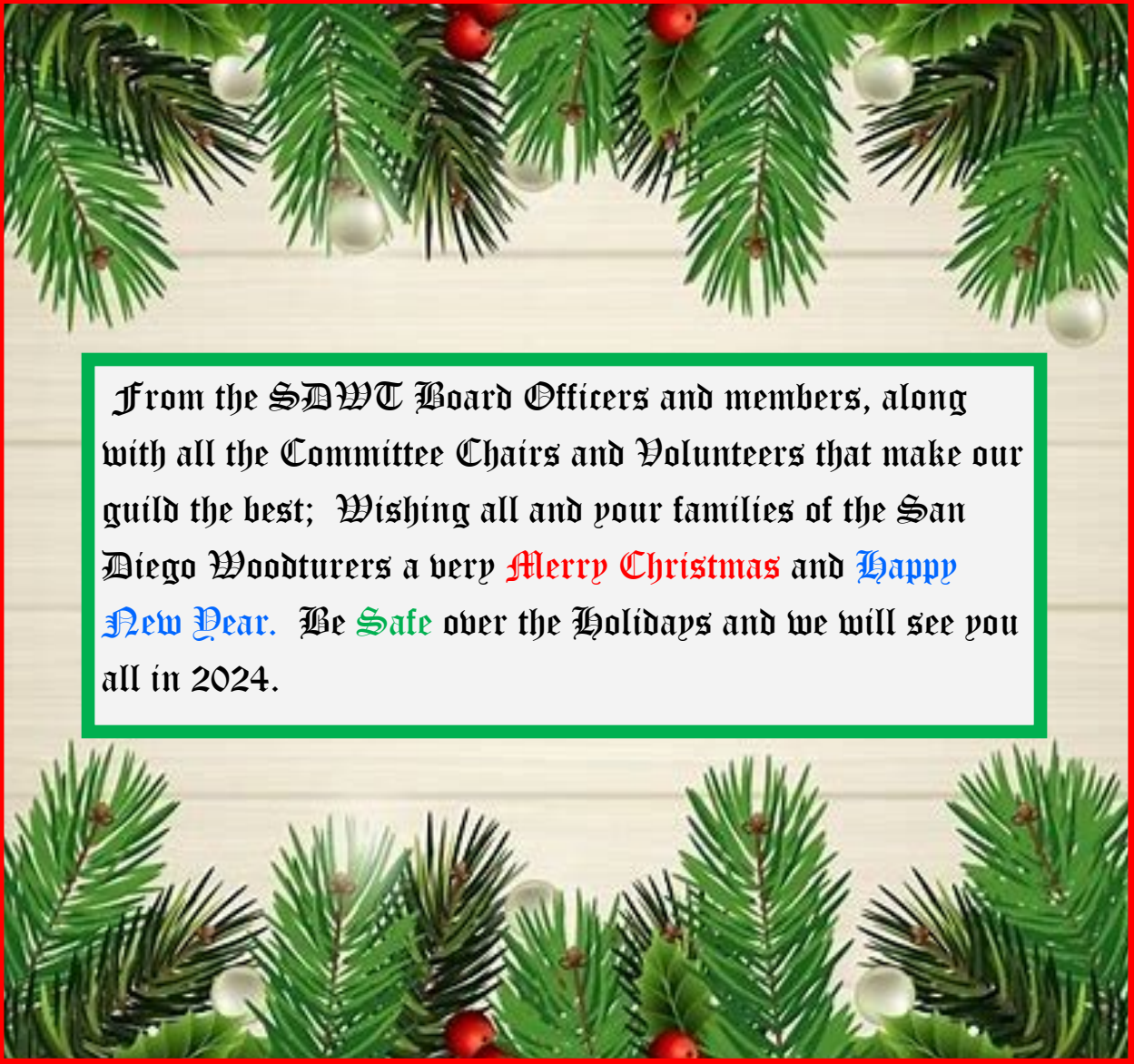
Jon Chernow

AAW Liaison

Chad LoVoi

The Last Page - “Cutoffs”

(Odds and Ends)



NOTTINGHAM ACCESS

For access to the Nottingham Arts Center contact Terry Sullivan via e-mail (go2tms2@gmail.com). A voice message may additionally be left at the number listed in the member directory. Include the day and time you wish to arrive as well as the purpose of your visit. You must have approval from Terry or his representative for access to the facility.

Do not enter the Nottingham facility or grounds without prior approval or without the project leader present.

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Next Event

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